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TOPIC	1. Soviet Troops Concentrating in the "WEISSWASSER-RIETSCHEN" Area		
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- b. Tank and artillery units have been concentrated in the "WEISSWASSER (O 52/A 84) - RIETSCHEN (O 52/A 85) area. Three trains from BITTERFELD (N 52/E 14), three trains from WITTENBERG (N 52/E 37), three trains from LUEBBEN (N 52/A 28), two trains from COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) and four or five trains going via HORKA (O 52/A 92) were observed to arrive and be unloaded in RIETSCHEN and "WEISSWASSER. The shipment recording No. 91136 was identified with one train.

25 October 1949

25X1C One empty train was dispatched to SCHNEPNITZ (N 52/A 32) via HORKA.

22 to 25 October 1949

2. Troop trains with shipment recording numbers from 4001 to 4013 ran to GROSCENHAIN (N 52/A 01) and FALKENBERG (N 52/E 74), via LIEGNITZ, (Silesia, GUBEN () 52/A 79), FORST (O 52/A 77) and COTTBUS.

26 October 1949

3. The following empty trains were observed in the COTTBUS area:
- a. Train (shipment recording No. 24403), going from GROSCENHAIN to FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63).
 - b. Train (shipment recording No. 24408), going from BRANDIS (N 52/E 31) to FRANKFURT/Oder.
4. Troop train (shipment recording No. 24401) proceeded from Poland to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

29 October 1949

5. The technical department of the COTTBUS railroad district administration was ordered to have 43 boxcars equipped for

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the transportation of troops by 31 October 1949.

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Comment:

a. Maneuvers in the "EISS"ASSER-RIETSCHEW Area

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Some units, [REDACTED] of the 9th Pecz Div. (Cadre) were also seen, were located in the "EISS-ASSER-RIETSCHEW" area in the Summer of 1949. It is, however, believed that no large-scale maneuvers were held in this area up to the middle of October 1949 as no troop movements to that area were observed.

Both the report and shipping records of the BERLIN rail-road district administration indicate that maneuvers (special exercises) were held in the "EISS"ASSER-RIETSCHEW area between 23 and 31 October 1949, upon the completion of the large-scale Third Gds Pecz Army (Cadre) fall maneuvers in the JUEFERBOG- LUCKENWALDE area (middle of October 1949) and an Elbe River-crossing exercise at FUEHLA GDS (21 and 22 October 1949). It is assumed that the troops participating in the exercises in the "EISS"ASSER-RIETSCHEW area included component units of the Third Gds Pecz Army (Cadre) (trains were dispatched from BITTERFELD, WITTEBERG, LUNDBERG and COTTBUS) and possibly component units of the First Gds Pecz Army (troops arrived via MONTA and one train was sent to SCHNEPPITZ to pick up troops)*.

b. West-Bound Shipments Crossing the Oder River Line

(1) According to the report, 13 troop trains allegedly proceeded to GROSSE WILHELM/FAKELBERG via LIEG ITZ between 22 and 26 October 1949, but no confirmatory information has been received. It is believed that no Soviet troops have moved from the Polish-occupied German territory to the Soviet Zone of Germany, possibly to participate in maneuvers. The 13 troop trains presumably carried recruits, as incoming shipments of recruits have been repeatedly observed since mid-August 1949.

(2) Shipment [REDACTED] have not been observed with troop trains (trains for the shipment of units). Trains en route from LIEG ITZ to CUBEN would have to be directed via ROTTEBURG due to line demolitions. Shipment [REDACTED] are assigned to shuttle-trains carrying personnel from the Soviet Union to the Soviet Zone of Germany and vice versa. This also corroborates the assumption that the reported 13 troop trains carried recruits from the Soviet Union to the Soviet Zone of Germany via Poland and not troops being transferred from Poland to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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